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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:52 AM
To: _____
Subject: RE: A Transplant from Georgia (one year ago) who is AMAZED

Dear Mr. Strong:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Dockets listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2017-305-E - Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920
- Docket No. 2017-370-E - Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

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Docket No. 2017-305-E - Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920 - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116463>

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

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From: Chris Strong [mailto:_____] _____
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 1:45 PM
To: PSC_Commissioner.Whitfield <Commissioner.Whitfield@psc.sc.gov>; PSC_Commissioner.Randall <Commissioner.Randall@psc.sc.gov>; PSC_Commissioner.Elam <Commissioner.Elam@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: A Transplant from Georgia (one year ago) who is AMAZED

I moved to Columbia, SC. just over a year ago. Since the day I opened my first bill from SCE&G I have been speechless regarding the ineptitude of both the management of SCE&G and its parent company SCANA and the willingness of our ELECTED officials to pander to the desires of the corporate officers of same.

Countless rate increases have been approved by the PSC based on the belief (?) that SCE&G was operating "cost effectively." These increases have driven the average cost of KWH well above the average cost of electricity in even the HIGHEST states across America.

"Last week, the U.S. Energy Information Administration released a report showing S.C. residents, on average, pay more for electricity than their counterparts in every other state. The average S.C. resident spent \$1,753 in 2016 for electricity, about \$400 more than the national average, that report said. But the report didn't single out which individual utilities had the highest costs."

But I think we can both guess who the PRIMARY offender is.

"In order for the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to carry out its mission, the Commission must be alert to and anticipate emerging issues in the industries it regulates, including federal regulatory developments"

I guess THAT excludes SCE&G, its blatant disregard of budgetary restraint, customer satisfaction and a general understanding of REALITY.

AND when potential solutions (no matter how distant they may be) like SOLAR power; the improvements and chance to grow are minimized or worse disregarded due to lobbying efforts sponsored by the same "experts" at SCE&G, and tax credits rescinded.

"The nation's electric and gas industries are subject to a broad range of regulatory models across the country, and regulators have taken a number of measures to increase competition and investment. With growing pressure for the generation of energy using alternative energy sources, the Commission must effectively regulate these industries, safeguarding the ratepayers."

It appears like the PSC will publish its goals and its evaluations with little regard to accuracy or TRUTH.

FOR EXAMPLE... from the 2017 Annual Report

...continuously monitors the construction of V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3. These units are evaluated on an ongoing basis for compliance with the approved budget and schedule. Construction of these units has created as many as 3,700 jobs, and it is forecasted that approximately 800 permanent jobs will be added when the units become fully operational

If the project was continuously monitored than how is it possible to close it down for Cost Overruns. Where are these 3700 jobs OR the 800 Permanent JOBS that were anticipated?

OR even better... knowing all of the above you all have the AUDACITY to publish this in that same report.

Regulatory Staff accomplished all of the objectives and action items listed above. The ORS participated in 106 cases and facilitated settlements or agreements in 18 matters which resulted in approximately \$31 million in savings to customers

I ask which customers, certainly not SCE&G consumers.

YOU ALL should be ashamed of your performance and inability to do the job. Many of you Do NOT deserve another bite at the apple.rrr

I have held my breath long enough here in South Carolina. It is time to bring true accountability to our elected officials the only way possible it seems... at the ballot box.

Sincerely,

Chris Strong